

The City of Baraboo, Wisconsin

Background: This topic came before the Finance Committee on November 11, 2008. An excerpt from their minutes follow:

Energy Independence – Geick explained the Governor's 25 by 25 energy initiative and benefits to Baraboo. We would benefit from an energy audit of our facilities under this program. There is some agreement to put in a joint application between the City, School, UW, County and Reedsburg City and Schools. The item requires Council approval. The program encompasses more than just buildings, if we desire. Moved by Topham, seconded by McCammond to approve the application along with partnering with as many neighboring governing jurisdictions as possible.

Fiscal Note: (check one) ☒ **Not Required** ☐ **Budgeted Expenditure** ☐ **Not Budgeted**
Comments

WHEREAS, the City of Baraboo desires to move in the direction of becoming an eco-municipality to ensure a more economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable future for the City current and future residents, its existing and new businesses and other community institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Baraboo adopted its Smart Growth Plan on July 12, 2005 with the goal of becoming a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Baraboo passed a resolution on October 23, 2007 adopting the Natural Step model, and

WHEREAS, Governor Doyle has created the Office of Energy Independence and established goals of:

- a. Generating 25% of Wisconsin's electricity and Transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025; and,
- b. Capturing 10% of the emerging bio industry and renewable energy market by 2030; and,
- c. Becoming a national leader in groundbreaking energy research.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin:

1. The City of Baraboo will work to improve the energy efficiency of it's buildings and operations; and,
2. Declares itself a partner with the State of Wisconsin in pursuit of the "25x25" goals for energy independence; and,
3. Authorize the submittal of a joint grant application with other Sauk County governments of the Baraboo School District, Sauk County, City of Reedsburg, and the Reedsburg School District for an Energy Independent Community 25x25 Plan and energy audit.

Offered by: Finance/Personnel

Motion:

Second:

Approved: _____

Attest: _____